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THEREFORE THUS SAITH THE LORD

Their heart cried unto the Lord. O Wall of the daughters of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night.—Lam. 2:18.

Mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevaileth.—Lam. 1:16.

The Wailing Place, on its eastern boundary, is the only part of the Holy City to which the Jews have free access. Here they assemble day after day, and especially on Fridays, to bewail their fallen estate and weep over the desolations of Zion. Here may be seen men and women standing by the wall, putting their fingers into its clefts, kissing the great stones, or sitting on the ground and swaying back and forth as they intone the lamentations of the prophets of Judah. This portion of the Haram wall is 155 feet in length and 55 feet in height. Nine of the lowest courses are built of huge blocks of stone. One stone measures sixteen feet in length and another thirteen feet.—From "The Land of Israel," by Robert Laird Stewart, D. D., 1899.

Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.—Isaiah 28:16.

THE WAILING WALL OF THE JEWS

Oh, Wall! Oh, Wall! We stand and wail;
Yet all our tears shall not avail.
Here stood our fathers, years gone by,
With bended head and tearful eye,
And called on God, Who will not hear,
Though Jews continue year on year,
Until we heed Messiah's call
And cease to wail before that wall.

—N. J. S.

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"HE OPENED TO US THE SCRIPTURES"

The devout of the prophets' times must have looked forward by faith and appropriated the Lord Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of their sacrifice. We of the present day look back and appropriate His sacrifice for ourselves, reading in the Word of God not only of the promise of His coming as foretold by the prophets, but of the *fulfillment* of that promise. There is no more offering for sin.—Heb. 10:18.

ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS.—Luke 24:30, 31.

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering.—Gen. 4:4. (His sacrifice, in which atoning blood was shed,—Heb. 9:22,—was therefore at once his confession of sin and the expression of his faith in the interposition of a substitute,—Heb. 11:4.—Scofield.)

We are often reminded of the likeness between the lamb of sacrifice, offered by the priests on the altar before the door of the tabernacle, and the Lamb of God "which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Scofield says the former sacrifices "were shadows, types, expressing variously the guilt and the need of the offerer in reference to God, and all pointing to Christ and *fulfilled* in Him."

The lamb on the altar was ineffectual and insufficient except as it looked forward to the coming of the Perfect Substitute, the Lamb of God, "slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). The Hebrew, 1500 years after Abel (Lev. 1:3), availing himself of the sacrificial lamb at the tabernacle door as an offering for his sins (for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.—Rom 3:23), also "had faith in the interposition of a substitute." God did provide *a better way, a higher price, a perfect substitute.*

The Ancient Hebrews Looked Forward by Faith

The sacrificial lamb which the Hebrews repeatedly placed on the altar of burnt offering was done away when Jesus Christ came. Sacrifices of the symbol type were no longer needed. As the ancient Hebrews looked forward by faith to the coming Lamb of God, appropriating Him and His sacrificial death for their sins, and accepting Him as their Saviour, their Messiah, even so, when He came, they had and can still have the privilege of accepting *Him* without any intervening symbol. They have no reason to continue to look for the one perfect Sacrifice provided by God in His Son when He has arrived and fulfilled His mission. They must cease to look *for* the Messiah and begin to look *at* him and to appropriate Him, each man for himself, by faith believing in the Son of God Who came to earth to redeem us.

But this invitation to personal appropriation is not perennial or perpetual; it will not last forever. As the Lamb of God came in due time, as symbolized and as promised, even so will His second advent occur. The time when "the Redeemer shall come to Zion" (Isaiah 59:20) and the arrangements for His coming are not only known to the Father, but may be recognized in both the Old and New Testaments. Otherwise, how shall we explain the closing chapters of Isaiah, the decision of James recorded in Acts 15:13-18, and Paul's reference to the time of "the fulness of the Gentiles."—Rom. 11:25?

Look Neither Forward nor Backward

Man will not continue to appropriate signs and symbols, looking either forward or backward, after the Lamb of God has become the King Eternal, Lord of all. In fact, he will have no opportunity to do so. It was the Lord Himself who gave us the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins invited to the wedding feast; and His are the words, "Come; for all things are now ready!"

Those words will never be spoken a moment too soon, nor will the door remain open when things are ready. Man does not need to know of the details of God's preparation, nor why it has required centuries to complete His plans. He has never told us by His prophets nor by His Son whether our little world (*completely*) told us by His prophets nor by His Son whether our little world (completely) embraces the "all things" to be prepared; whether time as we know it in days and years can measure the span until "all things are now ready" or whether there are other worlds to be included, with suns on suns in a seemingly endless universe and aeons of time. Sometimes we wonder if the other planets revolving around our sun,—Mars and Venus to name but two,—are peopled with beings like ourselves. Has Satan visited them as he has the earth; have those beings sinned as man has sinned? Must the Son of God have laid on Him the iniquity of all space and all living, thinking, loving, hating beings in orbs we can only imagine as existing?

When will the end be; when will time cease; when will all things be ready? Perhaps for them the end has already come; the door is already closed; the redeemed ones may be singing the new song, "Thou art worthy, for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and

people and nation." From some where the number of them will be "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands," is the testimony of John the Apostle. He alone was given the reed with which to measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. We may read and ponder on his description of all things to come. In "Revelation" the story of the future becomes a prophecy, its pictures beyond the capacity of our finite minds!

But let us look once more at the Lamb of God. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on HIM the iniquity of us all."—Isaiah 53:6. No substitute was provided; HE was the sacrifice. He died at the hand of man, as every substitute has died, from the time when Abraham bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar of wood, to the last offering before the temple in the city of Jerusalem. The hand of Abraham being stayed by God, he turned to find a ram caught in the thicket by his horns, and offered that ram as a burnt offering instead of the son. The substitute always died! So, too, did the Lamb of God, the fulfillment of the symbol to be found in every sacrifice from Abel's offering to the time when Hebrew offerings ceased in Jerusalem.

The Sign of the Prophet Jonas

When certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, "Master, we would see a sign from Thee," He answered them, "There shall be no sign given, but the sign of the Prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Jesus Christ was fully aware that the time of His death was approaching. All down the centuries the symbolic sacrifice held sway; always to die! "In due time; in due time," cried the prophets, and in due time the Lamb of God came, came to die for the sins of man. "So shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

"His mother and His brethren stood without;" the disciples sought to dissuade Him. Then came the agony in the garden, and his words to Peter and the two sons of Zebedee: "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death!" And His prayer, "O, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Three times, and when no answer came, as if resigned to the fate of every sacrifice, "O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, THY WILL BE DONE."

Only This Sacrifice Could Pray

When before did any sacrifice plead with the Forgiver of sin that death at the hand of man might be avoided, and this one, the Son of man, the Lamb of God, the fulfillment of the symbolism of all the sacrifices? "Thy will be done!" "Sleep on now, and take your rest."

"Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me." And Jesus went to meet the soldiers, "with swords and staves for to take me." But there was no weakness there. "Thinkest thou that I cannot pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

The lamb of the ancient Hebrew sacrifice was done away with, burned to ashes on the altar. No other "offering for sin" included resurrection in its program. The record here reads. Betrayal and arrest, hearing before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin, delivery to Pilate the Governor, Jesus or Barabbas, the King crowned with thorns, the crucifixion, entombment, the sepulchre sealed and guarded.

Ought Not Christ to Have Suffered

Turn once more to the artist's picture of the Master and two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus, and then read Luke's testimony: Two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus . . . and they talked together of all these things which had happened. And while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. And He said unto them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?"

Cleopas rehearsed the whole story of the crucifixion, the death and burial of the Prophet "mighty in word and deed." They could not believe the stories they had heard of the empty tomb and the vision of the angels which said He was alive. The Master's comment: "Oh, fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?"

But it was only at the breaking of bread that they knew Him. "Their eyes were opened; and He vanished out of their sight." On their way back to Jerusalem that same hour they said one to another, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" Today, as we read their testimony, there is for us, by the Holy Spirit's power and the reading of the Word of God, the recognition of the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world. There is for us also the second advent, for it is in the Word, among the prophecies and promises of the Father and the Son.

The Lord is risen indeed! May He bless to you this Easter time, the remembrance of His Resurrection and the hope of His coming again. "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead on the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

So today, we are witnesses of these things, and celebrate the Easter time in spirit and in truth.

NORMAN J. SMITH.

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THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN

From the dawn of recorded history, man has been "at war". One group after another has struggled to procure by force that which they desired. Often this struggle has brought death to the aggressor or the resister or both. The coveted prize has been real or personal property or wealth, kingship, leadership, even religious power and authority. The struggle may have been begun on the spur of the moment, or it may have been premeditated and prepared for through long years of scheming, building and planning.

Such warfare as has had to do with Jews (descendants of Abraham, "the chosen people") has usually been recorded (if B. C.) in the Word of God. Searching carefully, it has in nearly every instance been possible to find a pre-war prophecy easily identified as concerning the important happenings to the Jewish people. Always, that record was to be found in one book, the Bible.

If every recorded prophecy concerning Israel had been fulfilled, the volume would be closed and history completed. But there are numerous prophetical recordings of God's promises that this chosen people shall yet return to the "Holy Land." Their scattering among the nations, when recorded in the Bible, is accompanied by a declaration that these tribes of Israel and their children will in due time return from their scattering.

The prophetic promises frequently mention "tribulation," "the tribulation," "the great tribulation." This is so definite in detail that historians and scholars, failing to identify it in past history, are led to declare that the prophecy has not yet been fulfilled. Intertwined with both fulfilled and unfulfilled prophecies regarding the Jews is repeated mention of one, Jesus Christ. He too, has records, historic and undisputed, and prophecies fulfilled and unfulfilled.

The most exact and definite of these prophecies is probably that recorded by the Apostle Luke (1:26-33) as having been recited by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary. Of the seven promises in the annunciation (easily identified by the word *shall or shalt*) four have been fulfilled; but the last three, having to do especially with the Hebrew people, remain unfulfilled.

This same Angel Gabriel, 538 years before, had spoken to a man on the earth mentioning "seventy weeks" which were to be fulfilled to "my people Israel," — as the writer calls them. That writer was the Prophet Daniel. As instructed by the Angel Gabriel, Daniel sets down the happenings of "three score and two weeks" and "seven weeks," and ties these 69 weeks up to the time period ending with "Messiah shall be cut off."

All this is in accord with written history, unless it be that the "weeks" were sevens of years. The "seven weeks" turned out to be forty-nine years, and the three score and two weeks were 434 years, a total period of 484 years. But the last "week" of Gabriel's promise, — seven years, of course, — has never come to pass. We have no historical occurrence to match the words to be found in Daniel 9:27.

The "covenant" has never been confirmed, nor have the "sacrifice and oblation" been set up. Some day a "king of the north" and a "king of the south" must have to do with this land of Palestine, and at that time, the "end-time,"' a "little horn" shall meet them, one who shall "exalt himself and magnify himself above every god."

"There shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time," said Gabriel to Daniel. Continue on to the end of this book of the Prophet Daniel, and you will find a promise that "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand, but ***the wise shall understand.***"

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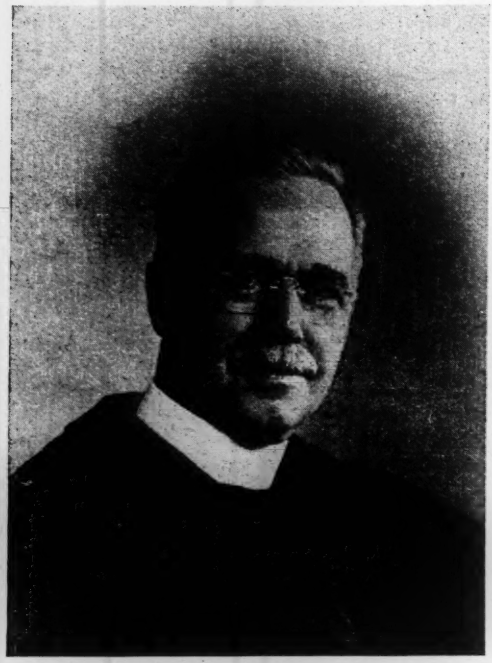
NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER



Rev. George A. Simons, D. D.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the American-European Fellowship, on December 22, 1941, Rev. George A. Simons, D.D., was elected to membership on the Board. While his activities in various Boards and Missionary fields of the Church in which he grew up, were partially known to the membership of the Board of Directors of the American-European Fellowship, no statement recognizing the work of this valuable member of the society has ever been published in "The European Harvest Field."

Dr. Simons, having recently been selected to serve as Assistant Treasurer, was requested by the editor to provide a photograph of himself and to permit publication of a biographical sketch in the magazine. If the Methodist Denomination is rather freely mentioned, it may be partially due to the fact that he was born in a Methodist parsonage. He entered the ministry in 1898. Four months later, on the death of his father, George A. Simons succeeded him in a Brooklyn Methodist Church.

In the mean time, of course, he became possessed of an education, secured through the public schools of Chicago, Milwaukee, Columbus, California and New York, followed by studies in Baldwin-Wallace College, New York University and Drew Theological Seminary. He holds degrees of A. B., B. D., A. M. and D. D.

While Dr. Simons served as Pastor of several important American Methodist churches in and around New York City, it is his foreign service which will most interest friends of the American-European Fellowship. This began with his selection as Superintendent of the Finland and St. Petersburg Mission Conference in 1907-1911; with other appointments and elections as follows:

Secretary of the Central Conference of the European Methodist Church, 1911, at Rome, Italy; at Frankfort-am-Main, Germany, 1922; Superintendent of Russian Mission, 1911-21; Superintendent of Russian Mission Conference and Baltic Mission, 1921-1924; Superintendent of Baltic and Slavic Mission Conference, 1924-1928; Pastor of the American M. E. Church in Riga, Latvia, 1922-1928.

In 1923 Dr. Simons established and became President of the M. E. Training Institute for the Baltic States. He was a member of the Commission on Continental Europe of the World's Sunday School Association in 1912, and has been a delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1912; at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1920; Atlantic City, N. J., 1932, and reserve delegate to Columbus, Ohio, 1936; also delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference in London, England, in 1921, and in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1931.

Dr. Simons has been partially occupied in other directions: Editor and publisher of the "Baltic and Slavic Bulletin," and founder and publisher of "Christiansky Pobornik," Petrograd, Russia,—published later in Riga, Latvia. He was manager of the Baltic and Slavic Methodist Book Concern. Chairman of the Jubilee Fund Commission of the Baltic and Slavic Conference since 1927. During World

War I he was chairman of the American Red Cross Commission in Russia; also a member of the American Hospital for Wounded Russian Soldiers in Petrograd, Russia. Accompanied the Commission of the M. E. Church in the summer of 1919, visiting various European countries; supervised distribution of relief supplies sent by the M. E. Church to Finland, Russia, etc., winter of 1920.

He was decorated by France, Latvia, Finland, etc., and was one of the first Americans to be made a "Chevalier of the Cross, Order of the White Rose of Finland, First Class." He is a fellow of the American Geographical Society, of New York; a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of the Hymn Society of America. In March, 1928, Dr. Simons returned to the U.S.A., with his sister, Miss Ottilie A. Simons. He has served as Supply Minister of Christ Methodist Church, Glendale, Queens, New York, since 1933.

The editor, having known Dr. Simons for fifteen years or more, assures our readers that all the education, the long ministry at home and abroad, his association with notables around the world, and even the medals and decorations, have failed to make him other than the genial, lovable, whole-souled friend one would be glad to own. We appreciate his association with us in the American-European Fellowship, and are grateful for his willingness to serve further the cause of Missions.

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in everything ye are enriched by Him, in all utterances, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto that end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Corinthians 1:4-8.

A LATE LETTER FROM POLAND

Dear Brother in Christ:— Kalenitsa, Feb. 24, 1946.

We have received the package and the $25.00 which you sent. There was no milk; there was saccharin, without vitamins, but one bottle of vitamins and the milk sugar also came. In the package there were also seven pairs of women's stockings, a sweater, a petticoat, and several small articles.

For all this we are very grateful to you. The package was a long time on the way, and arrived ten days ago. We were waiting for it, and that is why we have not written you. Brother Stettler sent us a letter, which we received two days ago. In this letter he writes that you have funds for us, of which we are greatly in need. My husband suffers very much, and needs a doctor and medicine, and all this is very expensive now. I am obliged, also, to buy him the best food, which is also very expensive. If you will send us the money quickly, we shall be very much obliged to you.

My husband's eyes are so weak that he can no longer read or write for himself. None the less, to those who visit us, whether believers or unbelievers, he dispenses the Word of God. We are sorry that now in Poland there could be so much needed work for him in the spiritual cause, while he is compelled to lie idle. He spent many years in preparing himself for such service, but now he sees that this work is being performed by people who have had little experience in the work of God. For all that, glory be to the Almighty and All-Wise God. May His will be done in all things.

Herewith I send you hearty Christian greetings from my husband.

Your sister in the love of Christ,

EMILIA PRZEORSKA.

P.S. To all those who have made offerings for us we send our greetings and our thanks. We also express the hope that they will not forget us in the future.

NOT FAR FROM VIENNA

Bratislava, Jan. 3.

My Dear Brother Stettler:

Your letter sent by air mail on November 28 reached me only now. In the interval I have written you several letters, which you surely have received by now, except the one I did not sent by air mail, which contained my photograph and a sample of the tracts I have printed here for the Jews by the Grace of God. I just wanted to show you how bad the paper is which we have here, and how awfully expensive it is!

Really I do thank you for your kindness and goodness to me. It was very kind of you to send me the address of those friends of yours in London Gate. They have sent me literature. Yesterday and today I received the first small 2-kg. packages from Brother Faulkner, in Portland, Oregon, sent together with dear believers there. The contents were coffee, cocoa, chocolate, sugar, soap, stockings, two dresses and a jacket. Bro. Miller also sent me packages with food. Really, God is very gracious to me!

Imagine, dear brother, the dear friends in Bibelheim Bibelschule Beatenberg, whom I have known by correspondence for years, have sent me without my even asking 30 pieces of the Prophecy Edition of the New Testament in German, which came yesterday. I am praying for the packages sent by you, which I hope will turn up soon, — those fine picture cards and Scripture.

God has given me a new commission, the door-to-door distribution of tracts and free literature. This is now on my heart, but I do not have the needed literature. So far I have only the one kind of tracts for the Jews, but our God is able to provide others also, by printing them here. I am gathering up all the Gospels and every remaining tract available. I am most in need of good German and Hungarian tracts, also Jewish and Slovak for all. I could daily distribute hundreds of tracts on the streets and in the houses too, if I had them. This work is new here, especially the door-to-door distribution and work on the streets. It was prohibited for about six years during the last war era.

The dear friends from Hungary have written me several times already.

Many believers went to be with the Lord during the war. They had to undergo much tribulation and are still suffering greatly. There is literally hunger and nakedness there and in Carpathia. My prayer is that God will undertake on their behalf. I would rather have your dear friends send their gifts to those dear suffering ones; they are under such difficult circumstances now! Here the conditions are a bit better, but we do not yet know how it will be in the spring.

If you can reach your friends, please ask them to send to the dear ones in Hungary rather than to me. I will give you some names of believers in need. There are more, but I send only these at present:

This one is a young widow; her husband, a Hebrew Christian, did not come back. She remains with two little children, a girl of 7 and a boy of 5. She has been unable to get any work for a year. They were bombed out of home, and sold what clothes they had for food. She writes that the children have torn shoes, and she is not able to have them mended or to get new ones. She does not say so, but I know from others they have no fuel. Her name is Fein Gyulane, Budapest IX, Ulloi ut 65.I.12. At the same address are other members of her large family; also other believers. Her father is Mr. Olah Gergely.

Varga Janos, dear believer with his wife, also Budapest IX. Ulloi, ut either 49 or 59. He would get it any how. There are others, too, but I will

WEDDINGS, CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AND MONEY

Dear Mr. Smith: Biel-Mett, March 11.

Your letter with one hundred dollars has arrived safely and I thank you. This morning, too, an amount of $50 was brought to our notice by the American Express Company. The last three months we have sent out some 600 pounds of Christian literature in the form of Bibles, Gospels, tracts, etc., in Polish, Russian, German, French and English. Outside of this, about 9000 French tracts have been sent to various distributors.

Saturday we had a marriage ceremony. Two couples were united in wedlock. In between, bundles of clothes could be sent off to various refugees in camps in France. I was able to send some bundles of eleven pounds each to Hungary, to encourage a fine Christian worker.

I do not get any letters from Poland. I have an impression the brethren are afraid to be in contact with the foreign brethren. They still have military censors. The tension between east and west grows again, and we are glad the short moments of sending Christian Gospel literature were promptly used. It looks as though the hardly opened door is already closing again. Trusting these lines will find you well, we greet you. FRED STETTLER.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR POLAND

In a recent letter, Fred Stettler told of the great need for Polish language New Testaments in that country. We were informed that 27,000 of these portions of the Word of God were already in Sweden awaiting entry into Poland. When Brother Stettler was informed of this fact, he wrote: "I transmitted your mention of 27,000 Polish New Testaments in Stockholm to an English brother already in Sweden, who is now trying to find means by which they may be shipped over to Poland. We could take care of a portion of the cost, if this should prove a possible way." We believe that readers of "The European Harvest Field" will see to it that no hindrance stands in the way of the delivery of these New Testaments to the people for whom they were intended. Your prayers are invited, and your material help if the Lord so leads.

TESTIMONY OF A FAITHFUL WITNESS

My Dear Brother: Croydon, Surrey, Feb. 10.

Pardon rough note, but I am so busy. May the Lord give you ten thousand dollars. You deserve it, I am sure. F. SPENCER JOHNSON.

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send you their names only if you write that I should. From America they are sending parcels to Hungary. I beg you to try once more to send me tracts in German for Jews, and in Hungarian, too.

In my last letter I wrote that the printing of a six-page folder cost, for the first thousand, 1200 kis; five thousand 1800 kis; 10,000 pieces 1560 kis. It is cheaper with you. The paper is not fine. Perhaps this week or next I shall receive a parcel from Beatenberg, Switzerland, mailed September 25, French literature, so yours will surely come, too.

Christians who consider it their duty (it should be a pleasure too) to send needed supplies to needy brothers and sisters like Olah Gergley, Fein Gyulane and Varga Janos may use the addresses given above. Consult your postmaster as to weight and size of the packages. We are sending parcel post packages every week to Tordis Christoffersen in Paris, and to the brethren in Poland. We hope you realize the suffering of these dear Christian people. Do what you can for them materially, and keep them on your prayer list as well. May the Lord grant that we will never be compelled to suffer as they have!

THE DAILY WITNESS TO ISRAEL

Dear Friends: St. Petersburg, Fla., February, 1946.

In my ministry to Israel here I have been much encouraged recently, and am grateful to God for it. Surely it was in answer to our united prayers for His blessing upon the testimony of His Word that there has been more liberty. It is indeed gratifying to me that you will share in the results of the seed growing. "In due time we shall reap if we faint not."

Among the many opportunities there was an exceptional one last week. In front of a hotel I saw a number of Jewish people lounging, perhaps fourteen or more of them. Offering a prayer to God for tact and Wisdom, I approached each one in turn with a piece of literature,—a gospel tract. Not one of the number refused to receive it! Being thus encouraged, I made a few remarks, which led to a lively conversation with five or six of the men and women. Pointing to a chair, one of the ladies invited me to be seated! Our discussion led to a bold testimony of God's way of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin.

One of the men objected, saying: "God forbade human sacrifice." I reminded him that their animal sacrifices were no longer possible, and quoted, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin," and asked them to "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Adding a personal testimony, I said: "Believing that this Jewish Messiah has offered His righteous, spotless Life in my stead I have found peace and a joy which the world cannot give." (Psalm 126:5-6.) There was no animosity shown after some fifteen minutes or more of this discussion.

> But as many as RECEIVED HIM, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.—John 1:12.

A dear elderly Jewish couple was encountered around the corner immediately afterward. Accepting the literature, a discussion opened with them. Here I was asked for a return visit! Going on, five more of Israel's race were approached as they were seated on a porch. Here the literature was not so acceptable. Taking it reluctantly, one of the men stated, "There is but one God." The testimony given from their own Scriptures silenced him completely, to the astonishment of the rest. What a wonderful Word to proclaim! Other Jews and Gentiles received the witness that day.

Usually a trip to our Spa and Pier prove fruitful in Jewish and Gentile encounters. These places are more than crowded with visitors during the tourist season. Some three or more trips are made there weekly. Your prayers will aid greatly in my approach to those seated there in cars or on benches. After prayer for leading, a trip was made to one of our Gulf beaches last week. Fifteen Jewish and some Gentile persons were reached that day.

Home visitation continues. Four persons were contacted at the five places visited this morning. Mrs. R. promised to read the Book of Isaiah, which was given her after a good talk. Mrs. M., a member of the reformed synagogue, did not see her need of anything more than her comfortable home and good husband could provide, but did accept the literature. The others, though friendly, were not so interested on this occasion, for business and other reasons.

Our shop-keepers are entirely too busy these days to pay attention to anything besides business. Occasionally an opportunity arises for a good testimony. I would ask your prayers for Mr. H., who is courteous at all times and listens when not too distracted. His wife professed faith in the Messiah several years ago, but, not mingling with Christians, has not gone on. Thus the work continues. Please pray constantly for an abundant harvest. Isaiah 62: 6-7. JEAN RHODE.

AND IT SHALL TURN TO YOU FOR A TESTIMONY

Biel-Mett, Switzerland.

Enclosed you find a picture of "Holy Cross Church" (Roman Catholic) at Warsaw, Poland. I thought perhaps it might well serve as a picture in "The European Harvest Field." A Swiss who was in Warsaw several weeks ago brought it, and I had a photograph made of it as the original had to be returned. See especially the Christ statue in the debris! What does it say to modern civilization! It shows so emphatically what the best of human effort was able to do,—ruin and debris. Every soul must be gripped by the arm of Christ pointing up toward heaven out of all the chaos and hatred and all the ruin,—*Look up!* It is like a monument for all humanity to gaze upon. Put your expectancy upon things above. All earthly treasures will eventually turn to ruin. "Now remaineth Faith, Hope, Love." Trust the photograph arrives well and you can use it. Greetings!

FRED STETTLER.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TESTAMENTS?

Very Dear Mr. Smith!

Thanks for your air mail letter dated January 23rd. Out of it I was the happiest about the report that there are 25,000 Polish New Testaments in Sweden which are to be shipped to Poland *IF this be possible. Everything is hanging on a* stubborn, mulish "if." I just sent an air mail letter to Stockholm letting Mr. Lees know about it. He is a wonderful Scotch brother, who has traveled extensively in Poland and Sweden, and who, I am sure, will do anything and everything to bring the shipment to pass if it is humanly possible. He is the right man!

Regarding Mr. Przeorski, he must be very ill, and you may not even get a letter from him. I shall inquire about the food package you sent him, and the money. I am waiting for a long time now about getting a few lines telling me some important facts, but I presume there must still be some radical difficulties.

In these days I read that conditions must be very bad, for many Poles who had returned to their home country are flooding back to Western Europe again. So we must be patient. Eastern problems are often hard to grasp with our western minds. Things are far from being settled. I have just tried to get both Krakiewicz and Mrozek 5000 zloties. Now I am just anxious to know whether and how this goes through. If they get these gifts, I shall be very happy for them!

OUR MAN in Warsaw is and must be Mr. Stanislaw Krakiewicz. In case he cannot write to you in English, you will have to have it translated by some one over there. I thank you for the foreign tracts you promised to send. I believe I have sent you copies of the ones I have published, at least a few of them. Three thousand Russian tracts came out this week; 3000 Russian tracts were ordered yesterday, and

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—John 8:12.

3000 in German, too. Next week I expect 24,000 French tracts. A number of French, Russian and Italian translations are ready. Negotiations are under way for Spanish, Polish and Roumanian tracts and literature. (In Russian occupied areas, however, we are never sure whether things can be done or not.)

At the bank in Zurich the funds are blocked. Plenty of funds were on hand to take care of the printing. I have applied for a special permission to liberate 5000 Swiss Francs for printing purposes. I do not know whether it is to be granted, but a Mission of Eastern Europe, on whose committee I help along, has opened me a payment in advance.

Yes, I am constantly in touch with Miss Christoffersen in Paris. I sent her a lot of tracts, New Testaments and Bibles for German war prisoners, and French tracts, etc. She has a good room, but must plan on moving at any time, because this hotel is really reserved for special purposes. Foreigners have to live in hotels because so many people have no dwelling.

Thank you for the information about the magazine in Russia. I have here a Swiss Russian who knows Zhidkov personally. We are in touch with Russian circles here who published in France "The Christian Russian," but only one number has come out as yet. Tomorrow we want to send Russian literature to some sixty addresses in France.

We regret the home-going of that stalwart defender of the faith and godly man, Dr. Gaebelein. I should have liked to send a special card, but I do not have the address. Can you attend to the dispatching of our sincere condolence? I remember hearing him at Moody Bible Institute. He was like an old-time prophet of God, and with what assurance and authority he presented the things of God: "Thus saith the Lord."

It is a joy to labor. From every side I get encouragements to go on in the literature work. Brethren in England have kept me supplied with many hundred pounds of Gospel portions and New Testaments. This week I sent more than forty pounds of Italian Gospels and New Testaments to the southern part of Switzerland into the Ticino. There is a man there on fire for the Lord who labors with great zeal!

Next week I shall have a series of Gospel meetings up in the most beautiful mountain regions of the Bernese Mountains. Now I hear you are ill again. We heard last night of the pearls that are prepared through sufferings until they are precious and costly. An ill brother among us was moved to tears and gave a beautiful testimony of that particular truth. His thoughts with us are so far above all our thinking. God bless you and give you new strength. Greetings to you and all friends!

FRED STETTLER.

WORD FROM A LONG SILENT FRIEND

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 24.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I do not know if you are still interested in Mission work in Austria, but I just want to inform you that God has protected us in a most marvelous way during these awful years, and that our work has never been stopped or interrupted except for the days in April, 1945, which we had to spend under ground in the cellar while the fierce battle was raging around the corner of our building.

Hoping this will find you in good health, Very sincerely yours,

EMMY H. STEYRER.

RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE IN ARGENTINA

Berisso, Argentina, February 15, 1946.

Dear Brother Smith:

I have just returned from my two-months-long Missionary trip. I visited other South American Republics and some places in Argentina. I shall try to describe this trip in another letter. Am very busy now here in our center. We are getting ready for our Annual Workers' Conference in Buenos Aires, which is to take place on March 8-10. There is very much work here after such a long absence from the center.

My allowances were received when we came back home from our trip. Thank you very heartily. I am glad to know you are all so much interested in the tract publication and distribution. No doubt it is a great work and brings wonderful and blessed results. We have had some good experiences here in this line of work. The Lord willing, we will have one or two more tracts ready soon. The ones you enclosed are also very good and simple.

We are sorry to know that our dear Dr. Gaebelein is gone; and we are also regretting the death of our dear friend, Rev. J. B. Epp. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13.) These brothers were surely faithful workers in His vineyard. May the Lord help us to do our utmost in our short lives for Him.

I am enclosing herewith two good pictures taken recently during our annual conference in the Republic of Paraguay. Nearly all of these people are delegates elected to attend the conference, coming from organized meetings and congregations in different parts of the country.

In Fram, Paraguay, they are rejoicing over a new Hall built in the Russian colony. Sincere greetings and best wishes for God's rich blessings during this new year.

J. KOVALCHUK.

THINGS TO NOTE AND TO KEEP IN MIND

Regarding entering of foreign missionaries into some of the European countries, it must be said that all countries are sick and tired of "foreigners." All people have suffered intensely through foreigners. They are therefore not anxious to give permission to any foreigner to work among their people. They resent foreign missionaries and declare their people not "heathen." The spirit of nationalism is more vigorous than ever. Every country is determined to do with as few foreigners as possible. They have had plenty of "foreigners" within the last few years. *The native Christian work and the Christian workers must be strengthened and encouraged to the utmost of our limit from without.*

If missionaries have decided to enter any European country, they must keep in mind that they must be well trained. Only a few, but good and capable men and women can gain admission as missionaries. They should speak the language of the people to whom they are sent or be natives of the land where they expect to labor.

The missionary must not only love the Lord and the Book, but more than that, he *must* love the people. He does not come to criticize them. He does not come to install a bit of "Home, Sweet Home." He must be willing to do without all that he loved in the way of comforts he had at home. He must become one with the people and bear their joys and sorrows.

It is considered that there are some 25,000,000 people in Europe who wander hither and thither, seeking some resting place!

I have sent you several letters within the last days and today another goes off. I have written Mrs. Pauline Nikoff in Bulgaria. We shall see what we can do. If anything can be done we shall do it. We succeeded in sending dollars in registered letters to Czechoslovakia. They arrived, but exchange rates are low. By now

When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou shalt turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God): He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them.—Deut. 4:28-31.

we are in need of a number of five and ten dollar bills if we are to keep up this ministry, because this money is about the most acceptable in eastern countries.

Within a few days I trust I can send you a photograph of a Church in Warsaw that was partly destroyed. In front, on a heap of debris, lies a statue of Christ with the arm pointing to heaven, out of the wreck and ruin. Perhaps you can use it for the magazine. Upon me it made a deep impression.

Greetings to you and best wishes,

FRED STETTLER.

A WORD TO AMERICAN FRIENDS

We are in close touch with Europe and the tremendous need at this critical time. There are problems which cannot be stated in print. But let no one cease "calling upon God" for wisdom, guidance and action!

Fred Stettler and Miss Christoffersen are doing *great* things quietly;—far greater than I can explain at the moment. Stand *with* them in prayer and gifts. God will reward you. They are far away from each other, but each is building up a work of God which will help to solve Europe's big problems.

We are sending Scriptures, but this is not easy. Faith must remove mountains. Sacrifice all you can! Russia has made promises. Satan is out for battle. Eph. 6:10 to 18 must be our position in the faith fighting line. There is no time to be lost. Help now; help generously! Help prayerfully and joyfully. God bless America. May He revive you and fill you with Heaven's richest blessings. Yours for souls,

F. SPENCER JOHNSON.

MUCH WORK TO BE DONE OVER THERE

Dear Brother: Biel-Mett, February 12.

I am sure quite a number of packages of religious literature have been sent to the known addresses of reliable Polish brethren. I am surprised that they write so seldom. I am really uneasy. I get letters every week, but from widely different points, and all with other troubles. This work of connecting displaced persons with each other is about the most joyous work one may do. You can realize the joy of being all of a sudden notified: "Your husband lives; your sister is alive."

We must be ready to support this part of the work of approved Christian brethren and sisters in these eastern countries. This is one of the most important tasks. These people are all simply poverty-stricken. We must continually make the effort to send money to them directly. I am constantly anxious to discover such reliable avenues of immediate relief.

Tell Brother Kovalchuk, at Berisso, Argentina, that Victor Kwaschenninikoff, Otavska 1295, PISEK /n O. Czechoslovakia, is an experienced Baptist Christian worker who urgently desires to leave for some American country to labor for the Lord. He is a Russian. This may be the answer to more help for this needy field, and this brother is in extreme poverty.

I shall very much appreciate receiving the package of Gospel tracts in various tongues. Thank you and all friends who have helped. I have files of tracts in French, German, Polish, Russian, Hungarian, Roumanian, Czech, Slovak, Serbian and Italian. Up to date orders have been given for tract printing in Czech, Italian, French and Hungarian. What will eventually be printed we must wait and see, because there is much to overcome in the way of "no paper," "no way of transmitting money" and other hindrances by the evil one. Lately I sent 72 pounds of

He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, HATH everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but IS PASSED from death unto life.—John 5:24.

Gospels and New Testaments in Italian for use in Southern Switzerland and Italy. I am interested in sound prophetic articles, magazine clippings, etc.

(We have recently placed orders for subscriptions to the best-known religious weekly and monthly publications to be sent to our workers in foreign fields; also copies of a sermon, "Jesus—Christ—Lord; or Right Thinking Concerning Jesus," by the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. Pray that these may all be safely delivered to our Missionaries in European countries, and also to Dr. Yuk in Palestine and John Kovalchuk in Argentina.—Editor.)

THE DISCIPLES' GREATEST REQUEST OF THE MASTER

The disciples asked not for ability to perform miracles, to cast out demons, to heal the sick or raise the dead. They asked that they might do as the Lord commanded when the father brought to them his sick son for healing, "Bring him to me." Praying is bringing all things to Christ. "Lord, teach us to pray."

Beloved, hast thou prayed today?
No, Lord, I know not what to say.
Thou hast supplied a goodly store;
I have no need to ask for more.
For others I would have thee plead,—
Not that alone. I know their need.
'Tis not thy words for which I care,
But in thy heart I seek for prayer.

—N. J. S.

WAR'S RUIN COMING CLOSE TO HOME!

Brno, Feb. 16, 1946.

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am very glad to be able to send you the photo of Mr. Lukesh's house in Znojmo. As you will see, two houses near to his were destroyed by bombs. One fell on the roof of the house. The inhabitants of these houses were saved through emergency exits, forming passages connecting the cellar of one house with that of another. When the people of the neighboring houses came to the cellar of Mr. Lukesh's house they fell, crying "Pray for us! We know that the Lord is with you!"

In the last days of the war, the third part of Znojmo was destroyed by air attacks. Many women, whose husbands were at the front fighting,—all Nazis,—as soon as the alarm whistle sounded, came to the cellar of our house, saying: "Mrs. Bulicek, let us stay with you! Here we are safe, because Jesus is with you." But

Marie Hollas

as soon as they were out of danger, they did not want to listen to her when telling them of Jesus. "Don't talk to us about the Saviour," they said. "That is not our God. Keep Him to yourself!"

Today all the women are. with their children, for from Znojmo. It is not my intention to deride them, but it is a warning for me and others: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Is it delighting in the things of this world, or in the things belonging to our Lord and Saviour?

Do you remember twenty-one years ago, in the Tatra, a Miss full of life's joy, wishing to get hold of all the pleasure life can offer? Today the same Miss is an old woman, but is also a very happy child of God. The other years, before my new birth, I count not. And yet, I am not feeling old today; my strength is not fading away! Many kind regards. Yours,

MARIE HOLLAS.

FOR THE SOUVENIR BOOK

Illinois. 30457.—As I have been reading "The European Harvest Field" I realize the need is great, and although I am old and depending on Old Age Pension, I believe the Lord would have me send a little help to the poor and hungry, and the hungry for the Gospel. May God bless all you do for them. All He wants us to do is to be faithful and depend on Him. "He is able." Praise His Name!

Quebec. 30461.—Have only found time to read the tract, "Prayer and Keystone of Revival." Am greatly impressed with it; shall get some to give to others. Have a vision for tract ministry. Keep trusting where I cannot see, following where He leads, happy and blest, doing all each day as He puts it before me. The cost is nothing to me. I count it all joy to be found fit to suffer for His cause and soon coming Kingdom. . . . Yes, Prayer, real earnest Prayer, from consecrated, fully surrendered lives, is the great need for our day. Pray daily for such lives.

Georgia. 30377.—Just to tell you how very much I have appreciated the literature you have been sending to me for some time. I am deeply interested in the cause, and intend to give to it more prayer, and, I hope, some further contributions. The work being done by your organization is a wonderful and much-needed one, and I pray the Father's richest blessings upon it. The untold anguish and suffering in Europe is heart-breaking and should touch every Christian to try to help, in any measure, to alleviate it. ALL can pray. Again, may God bless and prosper this noble work.

Pennsylvania. 30459.—I have been reading "The European Harvest Field" for many years, —as long as you have, I guess,—but I think I have never been quite so thrilled as with this last number you have just sent to me. It is wonderful, and one of the things which most interested me was your page of quotations from various old contributors,—"For the Souvenir Book." Almost *glad* that so many of them, like myself, can give but small amounts, yet still keep up their interest and prayers. Fortunately I have just received a small windfall, so am very, *very* glad to share it with you. How I thank the dear Lord!

Washington. 30452.—Such joy when we have a little to send to the Fellowship. Must be about twenty-five years this work has been near to our hearts. That was when Radosc was teaching young men for Russian work. I believe about the only thing I had of my very own, and of any value, went into that work. It was my mother's diamond engagement ring. The thought that it was mine to give to my Lord for souls that they might become jewels for Him has never ceased to be a great joy to me, although the money value was not large. How many have gone since then, and yet He has given new workers. How we love Miss Christoffersen. Your picture is in my prayer book.

Pennsylvania. 30355.—I am sorry to be late in sending a gift for the relief of our workers and for those in need, and for the going out of Mr. and Mrs. Lukesh. I pray the need may all have been met and that they are now on their way. How wonderful it will be for them to see their daughter again, after all these years of uncertainty. We do praise God that she has been taken care of through it all. And all the others. We do want to have a share in helping to bring relief to the needy servants as they serve Him so faithfully. God bless you all as you carry on, in His Name. Our son and his wife and three children are now on the sea on their way home from East Africa, after six years of service. We have never seen the children.

North Carolina. 30380.—It is with great joy that I again send a gift of $15 to the work to which you are giving your lives. Our Lord said: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Those who love and look for the appearing of the Lord believe we are very near that midnight hour, and recognize the imperative necessity of proclaiming Christ as Saviour and Lord at home and to the uttermost parts of the earth. May the Lord bless through the power of the Holy Spirit your ministry as never before. Please take out of the check payment for subscription to your magazine, which I very much enjoy reading. I shall be so glad if Mr. and Mrs. Lukesh can return to Czechoslovakia. If all the funds for their journey are not in, please let me know.

California. 30453.—I have long been interested in the work you are caring for, but somehow did not think of sending you some money for it. Of late the name of Miss Tordis Christoffersen has been in my mind. It was several years ago that she was in this city and attended the Women's Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church. Then she left for work in Central Europe. I read with interest your periodical, yet I had no special interest in her work and difficulties. I understand she is now in France. Will you please forward her the amount enclosed herewith,—$5.00. I do not forget her in prayer. Also please use the $1 enclosed to cover your periodical for a year. I am not sure when my subscription lapses. If you will inform me when it runs out, I will send at least $1 more. Sorry indeed I did not get about sending this money for her sooner.

COMMENTS BY MR. LUKESH

It is interesting how they try to keep up good courage by looking at the funny side of things. Thus "Red Tape" in that language is expressed by "The Official Mare." They say: "The official mare, of course, can make little progress if there is much snow. Not everybody is concerned to shovel out the road as you did for the passage of your car." That is a reference to our snow shoveling in Minnesota. Quoting again: "I will write to Mr. Smith how the German women rushed to Mrs. B. for protection. (She is one of our converts.) But she modestly said nothing about it in her former letter. When the neighboring house was bombed to the ground, they ran through the underground passage, falling on her neck, crying to her to save them, as God was with her. Through those underground holes the people crept like rats to save their lives!

That young policeman mentioned previously as saved on his wedding day, was thus saved when a bomb destroyed the police headquarters. He admits that he scarcely knows how he got through that hole. It must have been terrible to be thus buried alive, and some were suffocated before help from the outside could reach them. Even children were born under such circumstances. Praise the Lord! HE saved several of His faithful ones in such danger. They mention a poor woman, hiding in a hole behind her hut for several days. Houses all around were hit, but not hers. Finally she returned to sleep in her hut, saying, "The Lord can keep me here just as well as anywhere," and He did, and her daughter, too. Similar reports come from all sides.—C. L.

Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.—Jer. 29:11-13.

NEWS, MUCH NEWS, BY AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Smith:

I must write you the third time today. Poland has an awful need of Polish New Testaments and Bibles. Could you send a shipment of several hundred to Stanislaw Krakiewicz, Poland? Mr. A. Kircun is ready to get them, too. Brother Krakiewicz is the man who has taken care of our property at Radost, and is absolutely true and dependable.

Mr. A. Kircun, Warsaw, writes: Many thanks for letter and literature. How we were comforted to know that our prayers were heard. How often we prayed that we might not be left without His Word. Now God has used you as His instrument and sent us spiritual literature. Tracts of this sort are highly welcomed and desired. If you could only send New Testaments and whole Bibles! O, how thankful we would be for them! From many places come pleas for literature. How gladly we would give fundamental, Scripture-based literature if we only had some. Our most urgent need is to fix the meeting hall against rain and cold weather. (Apparently they are in need of funds to build up their meeting hall.) FRED STETTLER.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the American-European Fellowship, incorporated in Philadelphia, Pa., in June, 1926, and established in New York City in April, 1928, the sum of .....dollars (free of taxation),* to be used for the purposes for which the above Fellowship was established. And I direct that the receipt of the American-European Fellowship, signed by the Treasurer of the time being, shall be sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

*If not free from taxation omit the words in brackets.

Just a Few Comments on Traveling

At sea, on S. S. Gripsholm, March 5.

Dear Fellow-helpers:

We can truly say "Ebenezer." Thus far the Lord has helped us.

It is easy to say "Go!" but after having been buried for years in the Mission work in the back woods of Northern Minnesota, we had to face an almost unknown world. We were not aware what transport difficulties we had to face, and did not know who runs the ships, etc., except that the Father still is able to run it all.

After some dragging out of matters, we realized that it would be best to go East and take matters in our own hands. Hastily throwing things together, we passed the first third of the way through ice and snow. But then we had pleasant weather for the "chasing around." The last week, though, gave us a "farewell" with nine inches of snow and ice. Praise the Lord, we had only one blow-out and a few minor adjustments to make in the 2000 miles.

Even the keeping of that Missionary car to the last was of the Lord, as otherwise we could not have gotten to the boat in time. Though we worked nightly past midnight, it was a scramble to the last to be ready. The last night we went to sleep about 2 A. M., to get up in two hours and load up our boxes and bags which we were taking along. (Of a truth, this was no pleasure tour with an early return, but perhaps for another sixteen years on the European Mission fields.—Editor.) Good we had double springs; otherwise it would not have been possible. Mrs. Lukesh went by railroad, as there was no room in the car, while a nephew and I negotiated the last ninety miles, over icy roads at first. Got on the pier in good time, though late comers had a hard time to pass the "jam," and many just lugged their baggage on foot to get on.

What preceded the sailing would make a book! The Lord be praised that He led us past the various "snags" and "red tape." How were we to know just the degree of seriousness attached to the various rulings, which changed also? One such change almost upset the whole effort. We still do not feel at liberty to speak or write of some of the matters, lest complications may hinder. Some decisions of the last days were "hanging on a hair." Until we received necessary papers on the dock, we feared that some last-minute "gag" would stop our going. Thus it was with some relief that we welcomed the messenger with the necessary papers, etc., that gave us the right to board the ship.

Is Tabitha pleased?

A Welcome Word of Testimony

Dear Mr. Smith:

One of the young men from our church, in the service and now home, recently had the pleasure of making the service men's Switzerland tour. He went out of his way to go to see the Stettler family, and he spent a couple of days in their home. He said it was the *bright spot* of his overseas stay.—E. L. K.

HOW GOES THE WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA?

This picture was recently received from our dear worker, Evangelist John Kovalchuk, who labors persistently in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, among the Russian colonists and settlers there. This scene was taken in the Republic of Paraguay during the annual Russian Christian Conference. We understand the hall in the background was recently erected in the Russian colony of Fram, Uruguay.

HE IS ABLE TO DO
All that we ask or think
Above all that we ask or think
Abundantly above all that we ask or think
Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. (Eph. 3:20)

From Canada, February, 1946

Dear Fellow-Christians:

They call me the "lightning express" when it comes to traveling and so it might seem when in this part of the country trains go only once a day, arriving at their destination an hour or so late and traveling at a "snail's pace." On telling a gas station agent how I get around he at first thought it a joke, but seeing it was the truth he said, "I don't know how you do it." It isn't uncommon for our day's mileage to read like this record: "Walked 15 miles, bus 30, hitch-hiked 10 miles; had a meeting last night, ready for one tonight." Well, dear ones, we have pretty well carried out our aim of having a meeting every night, even though camps are widely separated.

When night comes we usually think our toils are over and our rest will be sweet, but let me picture to you my surroundings as I lie in my bunk. Around the stove are hung wet socks and pants and a great smelling assortment. Together with thick tobacco smoke the air is heavy and stuffy. Our bunk is a straw mattress on boards and for a pillow we roll up our shirt and cover up with rough soiled blankets —no sheet or pillow case here. A lumber camp is usually made like this one, simply unmatched lumber with tar paper siding, so when it is thirty below zero as it is tonight there isn't very much between you and the great outdoors. Two nights ago I was in an upper bunk and I was wringing wet with the heat as the chore boy threw the wood on the fire. Last night in a smaller camp I was cramped with the cold and twisted in knots. Tonight I have borrowed an alarm clock for I must catch a train two miles from camp at 3 a.m. No one is in this kind of work for the good of his health or for what he might gain, but there must be satisfaction above material things or one would never "stick it."

Let me tell you of *how we take opportunities along the way*. I would like to tell you about days and days of it, but I shall content myself with saying that last night we were in a camp consisting of Indians from a reserve, and we saw three give open testimony of salvation. These I dealt with and took their names for follow-up work. Next day I visited one trapper's family. Had a meeting in another backward settlement where only "Jehovah's Witnesses" came. Here I explained Christ's Deity, the reality of hell, and salvation apart from works. Next I had a meeting in a school of forty scholars and lined them up for a set of Moody Colportage story books. Tonight I had a meeting in a logging camp of ninety men and eight gave open profession of faith in Christ. In this camp I also sold six subscriptions to a Christian magazine which will come to their homes for a year. One day's work of twenty-four hours, and many such will count for eternity.

Dear Friends, should we who are saved deny the Gospel to those who have never heard it once? At least seven years have elapsed since any Gospel testimony was given in the territory I have just covered. From now on till "break-up" in the Spring I go far North into an almost solid French district among Roman Catholics. The purpose of this circular is that you will make a *definite resolve to pray* for this work. Seeing we have such an encouragement as in the verse above, why should you *not* join us in fervent, believing prayer. Remember also my wife, who is my co-worker. Yours in blessed fellowship,

NORMAN BROWETT.

Lest you should think of "Missionary work" as useful only in "darkest Africa," China, India and the Isles of the Pacific, here is a Missionary's letter to the editor. We are close friends of years' standing, and he is as much on our prayer list as any Missionary we know. Missionaries do not choose to be servants of the Lord for the comfort, ease or pleasure that comes with it!

The Sign of the Son of Man

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There are other promises too, and spoken and recorded by other prophets, and some by Jesus Christ Himself to His disciples. These speak of the abomination, the same as Dan. 12:11; of the "Beast," of the "Great Tribulation" and of its ending with the setting up of a new throne in Palestine, where the Son of Man will rule in peace for *a thousand years*.

When have the nations of the world ever had even a hundred years of real peace? If a thousand years of this peace has been promised and has not yet transpired, we must believe that it is yet to be. All that was foretold as occurring prior to the ascension of the Lord has happened as promised. Why should any one doubt, for instance, the fulfillment of the last thirty-one words of Malachi 3:1 when the first fourteen words of promise have been fulfilled?

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If the old prophets, looking down through the centuries, caught a vision of the Son of Man on the cross, is it surprising that in the same line of sight, but far beyond, they saw the King of Israel on His throne? Some of the as yet unfulfilled prophecies are definitely concerned with these kingly visions alone, — like Isaiah 59:20, with his "Saith the Lord."

There is the Armageddon to come also, if we are to believe the promise in Rev. 16:16. The Beast and the Man of Sin have yet some very definite positions to occupy, too. All of these still undentifiable promises make very important reading for the people of our own time, as we may be the ones waiting to see these prophetic promises fulfilled.

Who can doubt that they are in the future and not in the past? Has the River Euphrates yet dried up that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared? Have we failed to identify the greatest of all earthquakes? Has the radio recorded any fleeing islands or the missing mountains? Where came down the great hail out of heaven, every stone about a hundred pounds or so, falling upon man? These events are still before us.

"*Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.*" Luke recorded these words of Jesus Christ as part of the warnings connected with the second coming. See also the record in Matt. 24:27 to 25:13.